

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1254-01  
Bill No.: HB 543  
Subject: Department of Agriculture; Public Officers  
Type: Original  
Date: February 17, 2015

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes the current Department of Agriculture to the Office of Agriculture with all the same powers, functions, and duties, contingent upon passage of a constitutional amendment.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Fully Implemented (FY 2019)
General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 or (\$50,000 - \$75,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0 or (\$50,000 - \$75,000)</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Fully Implemented (FY 2019)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses. This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Fully Implemented (FY 2019)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Fully Implemented (FY 2019)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE</b>

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Fully Implemented (FY 2019)
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

**Oversight** was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

#### **§§ 261.004 - 261.239 - Office of Agriculture:**

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** assume costs for employee business cards, signage and other related items would occur as a result of this proposal.

AGR estimates costs to be between (\$50,000 - \$75,000).

**Oversight** assumes this proposal, upon voter approval of a constitutional amendment creating the Office of Secretary of Agriculture, would change the “Department of Agriculture” to the “Office of Agriculture” with the same duties and responsibilities.

**Oversight** assumes any costs to AGR would occur in FY19 after the election of the Secretary of Agriculture in November 2018, if the contingent joint resolution (HJR 29) is approved by the voters in November 2016.

Officials from the **Office of Governor** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018	Fully Implemented (FY 2019)
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**GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

Costs - AGR

§ 261.004 - Secretary of Agriculture	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 or (\$50,000 - <u>\$75,000</u> )
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0 or (\$50,000 - <u>\$75,000</u>)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018	Fully Implemented (FY 2019)
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

§§ 261.004 - 261.239 - Office of Agriculture:

This proposal changes the current Department of Agriculture to the Office of Agriculture, headed by the Secretary of Agriculture, with all the same powers, functions and duties as the current department. The proposal is contingent upon passage of a constitutional amendment creating the Office of Agriculture.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture  
Office of Governor

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February 17, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Strope", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ross Strope  
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February 17, 2015